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In re application of:

Bent et al.

Serial No. 09/677,535
Filed: October 2, 2000

For: MONEY FUND BANKING SYSTEM
WITH MULTIPLE BANKS AND/OR
RATES

Confirmation No.: (not available)

Art Unit: 3620

Examiner: V. Millin

Attorney Docket:
11119-008-999

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL - APPLICANT'S AGE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

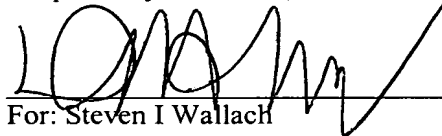
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The Applicants herewith petition to make the above-identified application special on the grounds of the applicant's age. An inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-captioned application, Bruce Bent, is currently more than 65 years of age. See the enclosed Declaration of Bruce Bent. It is believed that all requirements of M.P.E.P. § 708.02(IV) have been met, and prompt granting of this Petition is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this Petition; please charge any fee deemed necessary to Pennie & Edmonds deposit account no. 16-1150. If there are any issues with the Petition, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned.

Date: March 13, 2003

Respectfully submitted,


For: Steven I Wallach

By: Dwight H. Renfrew Jr.

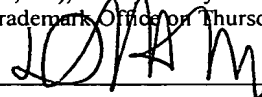
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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I, Dwight H Renfrew, Jr. (Reg.No. 38,594), hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Thursday, March 13, 2003 to the number 703-306-4597.





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DECLARATION OF BRUCE BENT

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I, the undersigned Bruce BENT, an American citizen residing at New York, New York USA,
hereby declare and state that:

1. I am an inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application.
2. My current age is more than 65 years, my birthday being May 25, 1937.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements can jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from the captioned application or claiming the benefit of its priority.

Signed by: _____

Bruce BENT

Date: _____

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